



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 11292 of 2025

1. Mahendra Pradhan **Petitioners**
2. Sudhir Pradhan @
Sudhira Pradhan
3. Sunita Pradhan

Mr. J. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**

Mr. G. Mohanty, SC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

29.09.2025

Order No.

- 01.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel for the State.
2. The Petitioners are seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.195 of 2025 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C., Digapahandi arising out of Digapahandi P.S. Case No.153 of 2025 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 331(4)/305 of BNS.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioners were before this Court in ABLAPL No.9653 of 2025 and while this Court by order dated 20.08.2025 was not inclined to entertain the application for pre-arrest bail in respect of Petitioner Nos.1 and 3, directed the Petitioner No.2 to surrender and release on bail subject to verification of criminal antecedents.



4. Since the said Petitioner has antecedents, the present ABLAPL has been filed.

5. Learned counsel for the Petitioners files a memo indicating therein that the criminal antecedents of the Petitioners mentioned in paragraph-4 of the anticipatory bail application has been wrongly typed as "Digapahandi P.S. Case No.514 of 2025" instead of Digapahandi P.S. Case No.214 of 2025". The said memo is taken on record.

6. Learned counsel for the Petitioners submits that the Petitioners have following criminal antecedents;

Petitioner No.1

- i. Digapahandi P.S. Case No.214 of 2025,
U/s.126(2)/296/115(2)/117(2)/109/
351(2)/3(5) of BNS

Petitioner No.2-

- i. Digapahandi P.S. Case No. 21 of 2020, U/s
341 / 323 / 294 / 506 of I.P.C.
- ii. Digapahandi P.S. Case No.05 of 2022
- iii. Digapahandi P.S. Case No. 174 of 2022

Petitioner No.3-

- i. Digapahandi P.S. Case No. 21 of 2020, U/s
341 / 323 / 294 / 506 of I.P.C.
- ii. Digapahandi P.S. Case No. 214 of 2025,
U/s 126(2) / 296 /115(2) / 117(2) /109/
351(2)/3(5) of B.N.S.,2023.



7. In respect of the said antecedents, it is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioners that the said antecedents are inter se between the parties. Hence, that ought not to weigh with this Court in taking up the matter on merits.

8. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.

9. Taking into account the nature of allegation, this Court directs that on surrendering within three weeks hence and moving for bail, the Petitioners shall be released on bail by the learned Court in seisin on such terms as deemed just and proper subject to verification of criminal antecedent.

If it comes to the fore that there are antecedents other than as noted above, this order shall not be given effect to.

10. It is needless to state that the Petitioners shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

11. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

12. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Vacation Judge

Santoshi